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I was VP of R&D at a computer security company and were strongly considering producing a version of one of our UNIX-based product for Microsoft windows because of strong interest from existing customers.

We decided against it, with Microsoft's history of predatory practices being the crucial factor in determining that the development effort was too risky. Each of our senior executives had experience at previous employers with Microsoft's predatory behavior towards partners, potential partners, and independent software developers.

From what I can tell, the proposed settlement does nothing to change Microsoft's anticompetitive behavior - the few "remedies" appear to be easy for Microsoft to evade.

Public Policy issue: Because of Microsoft's practices, there is a much narrower range of computer security tools for Windows platforms than for UNIX variants. This results in Windows platforms being more vulnerable to attacks (as has been amply demonstrated recently) which leads to substantial economic losses.

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